

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The following species have been identified:

- Species I: A first compound of formula  $E_1-X_1-G_1$  (see claim 27).  
Species II: A second compound of formula  $E_2-X_2-G_2$  (see claim 27).  
Species III: A third compound of formula  $E_3-X_3-G_3$  (see claim 46).  
Species IV: A compound Z comprising the chain  $E_1-X_1-G_1-G_2-X_2-E_2$  (see claim 27).

Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the following species for examination purposes only:

- Species I: A first compound of formula (VII) (see specification: page 40)  
(claims 27-29, 31, 35, 37, 38, 40-45, 48, 49 and 51-53 readable thereon);
- Species II: A second compound of formula (VIII) (see specification: page 41)  
(claims 27, 28, 33-35, 37, 38, 40-45, 48, 49 and 51-53 readable thereon);  
and
- Species IV: A compound Z being the resulting compound from the Sonogashira  
reaction between the first compound of formula (VII) and the second  
compound of formula (VIII) (see specification: page 40)  
(claims 27-29, 31, 33-35, 37, 38, 40-45, 48, 49 and 51-53 readable  
thereon).

Please note the pursuant to a telephone discussion between Applicants' representative and Examiner Haq, an election of Species III is not being made as the Applicants have chosen to elect only those species which correlate to a two-reactant Sonogashira reaction and not a three-reactant. Accordingly, a third compound of Species III is not a component of the elected reactants or corresponding product.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

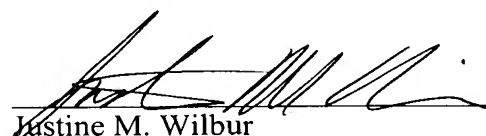
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